GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:725
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GAS DISTRIBUTION UNDER PDS
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to distribute Gas cylinders under the public distribution scheme to the below poverty line families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide loan facility to the shopkeepers for this purpose;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to provide commission to these shopkeepers;

(e) if so, whether the burden of their commission is likely to be transferred to the consumers; and

(f) if not, the funds likely to be spent by the Government under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): At present, Government is supplying subsidized LPG (domestic) cylinders to the registered customers of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and there is no specific plan to distribute (LPG) (domestic gas) cylinders under Public Distribution Scheme for below poverty line consumers.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.